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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. M4065.0489/P489-A First Inventor Donald L. Yates

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1. X Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing) 2. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 3. X Specification [Total Pages 25] (preferred arrangement set forth below) - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)		7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) a. Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. Paper c. Statements verifying identity of above copies ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS 9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))									
- Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure		10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) X Power of Attorney									
4. X Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 1	3]	11. English Translation Document (if applicable)									
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets	3 J	12. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 X Copies of IDS Citations									
a. Newly executed (original or copy)		13. X Preliminary Amendment									
b. X Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)		14. X Retum Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)									
i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)		15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)									
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).	16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.										
		17. Other:									
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76											
18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet		y the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the CFR 1.76:									
1'		IP) of prior application No.:10/022,721									
Prior application information: Examiner H.	. Tsai	Art Unit: 2812									
For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by											
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